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The documents listed on pages 1-7 of the Form PTO 1449 were previously considered in at least one of the following prior applications upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided under 35 U.S.C. § 120: Application No. 10/043,684 filed January 9, 2002; Application No. 09/326,819 filed June 7, 1999; Application No. 08/882,397 filed June 25, 1997; and Application No. 08/689,773 filed August 13, 1996. Applicants submit herewith copies of the non-U.S. patent documents listed on pages 8-

15 of the Form PTO 1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Regarding the non-English language document:

WO 96/32972 - An English language Abstract is submitted herewith. Moreover, U.S. Patent No. 6,458,323 B1 and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0044315 A1 are believed to be English language counterparts of WO 96/32972.

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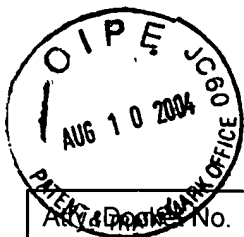
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